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As per your request in our telephone conversation today, we are faxing the attached copy of our Response to the Office Action dated 9/11/03, which was filed on 12/9/03. We would appreciate your confirming receipt of this fax.

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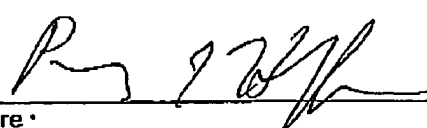
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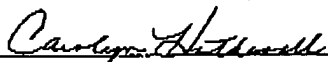
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.